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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits herewith information that the Office may wish to consider in examination of the subject application. Materials submitted for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. The references were cited in the parallel European application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted.

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